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	Filing Date	02/08/2001	
	First Named Inventor	ZHOU	
	Group Art Unit	1711	
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**PATENT**

Application No.: 09/778,997
Filing Date: February 8, 2001
First Named Inventor: Yu Zhou
Examiner's Name: Langel, Wayne A.
Art Unit: 1754
Attorney Docket No.: 006780.P001

- ☐ An Amendment After Final Action (37 CFR 1.116) is attached and applicant(s) request expedited action.
- ☒ Charge any fee not covered by any check submitted to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.
- ☒ Applicant(s) hereby request and authorize the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to (1) treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for extension of time as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time and (2) charge all required fees, including extension of time fees and fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, for any concurrent or future reply to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.
- ☒ Applicant(s) claim small entity status (37 CFR 1.27).

ATTACHMENTS

- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Amendment/Response with respect to Office Action
- ☐ Amendment/Response After Final Action (37 CFR 1.116) (reminder: consider filing a Notice of Appeal)
- ☐ Notice of Appeal
- ☐ RCE (Request for Continued Examination)
- ☐ Supplemental Declaration
- ☐ Terminal Disclaimer (reminder: if executed by an attorney, the attorney must be properly of record)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- ☒ Copies of IDS citations
- ☐ Petition for Extension of Time
- ☒ Fee Transmittal Document (that includes a fee calculation based on the type and number of claims)
- ☐ Cross-Reference to Related Application(s)
- ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document
- ☒ Other: Petition to Revive Unavoidably Abandoned Application (37 C.F.R. §1.37(a))
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1813	8,800	1813	8,800	Request for inter parties reexamination	
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1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
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1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
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1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	\$55.00
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	\$665.00
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PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED FOR FAILURE TO NOTIFY THE OFFICE OF A FOREIGN OR INTERNATIONAL FILING (37 CFR 1.137(f))		Docket Number: 006780.P001
First named inventor: Yu Zhou		
Application No.: 09/778,997	Art Unit: 1754	RECEIVED DEC 16 2003 OFFICE OF PETITIONS
Filed: February 8, 2001	Examiner: Langel, Wayne A.	
Title: A PROCESS FOR SYNTHESIZING METAL BOROHYDRIDES		
Attention: Office of Petitions Mail Stop Petition Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 FAX: (703) 308-6916		
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Subsequent to the filing of the above-identified application, an application was filed in another country, or under a multinational international treaty (e.g., filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty), that requires publication of applications eighteen months after filing. The filing date of the subsequently-filed foreign or international application is <u>February 6, 2002</u> .		

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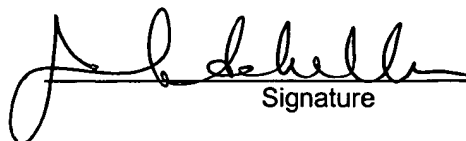
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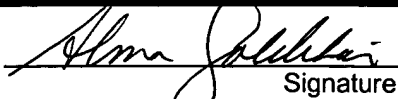
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Attorney's Docket No. 006780.P001

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Yu Zhou

Application No.: 09/778,997

Filed: February 8, 2001

For: A PROCESS FOR SYNTHESIZING
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Applicant hereby petitions to revive this unavoidably abandoned application under Rule 1.137(a). The supporting facts are set out in the attachment which was prepared by Applicant's prior attorney, Donn K. Harms. In summary, the Office Action was mailed to an incorrect address and was thus not received. The undersigned understands that the Office Action was sent to a former address of the inventor, and that the Office Action was sent after a Power of Attorney (to Applicant's prior attorney) and change of address had been

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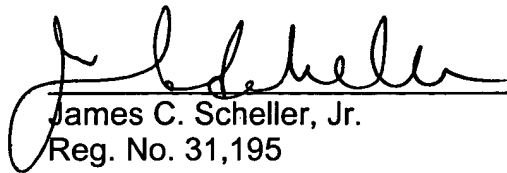
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Thus, this application should be revived as the abandonment could not be avoided.

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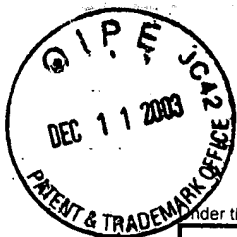
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PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED UNAVOIDABLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(a)		Docket Number (Optional) 2487-PAT
First Named Inventor: YU ZHOU	Art Unit: 1754	
Application Number: 09/778,997	Examiner: LANGE, WAYNE A.	
Filed: 02/08/2001		
Title: PROCESS FOR SYNTHESIZING METAL BOROHYDRIDES		
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APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION. NOTE: A grantable petition requires the following items: (1) Petition fee. (2) Reply and/or issue fee. (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee-required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995, and for all design applications; and (4) Adequate showing of the cause of unavoidable delay.		
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- ☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ _____ for a small entity of \$ _____ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

4. An adequate showing of the cause of the delay, and that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a) was unavoidable, is enclosed.

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On July 8, 2003, applicant's attorney received a telephone call from Examiner Wayne Langel, Art Unit 1754 inquiring as to whether applicant intentionally abandoned the subject application. He stated that it had been abandoned because of applicant's failure to respond to an office action dated December 4, 2002.

Applicant's attorney never received said office action because it was mailed by the USPTO to the wrong address.

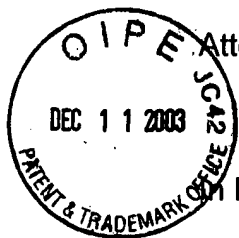
On February 6, 2002, prior to the examination, applicant's attorney mailed an Amendment Before Examination and a Power of Attorney, Change of Correspondence Address to the US Patent Office. Examiner Langel acknowledges that the Amendment Before Examination is in the file and his office action of December 4, 2002, addresses said Amendment Before Examination. Attached are copies of said Amendment and Power of Attorney, the Transmittal Form with a Certificate of Mailing dated February 6, 2002, and a copy of the returned postcard with a USPTO date stamp of February 22, 2002.

Since the USPTO received the change of correspondence address prior to the first office action, that office action should have been mailed to applicant's attorney. Instead, the office action was mistakenly mailed to the former address of the applicant who had moved. It was thus never received by applicant or at the proper new address of applicant's attorney.

On July 8, 2008, Examiner Langel faxed a copy of said office action to applicant's attorney and the amendment and response to said office action is attached hereto.

Applicant's attorney respectfully requests that said application be revived because of the error of the Patent Office in mailing the office action to the wrong address.

(Please attach additional sheets if additional space is needed.)



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PATENT

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Re Application of:

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel without prejudice claims 13-26 and add the following:

Claims 13-26 cancelled.

27. (New) A process for synthesizing metal borohydride alkali solutions which comprises:

synthesizing a carrier powder for proton H;

bonding hydrogen to said carrier powder;

producing metal borohydride powder from said carrier powder;

treating said metal borohydride powder with an alkali solution to produce a metal borohydride alkali solution.

28. (New) The process according to claim 27 wherein synthesizing a carrier powder for proton H comprises:

forming a mixture of a metal that is capable of forming hydrides with hydrogen with less than about 50 wt% of a hydrogen storage alloy;

mechanically pulverizing said mixture;

mechanically mixing the resulting pulverized mixture with less than about 100 wt% of alkali compounds; and

subjecting the resulting mixture to water vapor at less than one atmosphere for less than about 48 hours to produce a proton H carrier powder.

29. (New) The process according to claim 27 wherein synthesizing a carrier powder for proton H comprises:

forming a mixture of a metal with less than about 10 wt% carbon black coated with a metal selected from the group consisting of a platinum, palladium and mixtures and alloys thereof; and

mechanically pulverizing said mixture.

30. (New) The process according to claim 27 wherein bonding hydrogen to said proton H carrier powder comprises subjecting said proton H carrier powder to hydrogen gas at a pressure of less than about 50 atmospheres at a temperature from ambient to about 400°C for less than 48 hours so that hydrogen is carried by said carrier powder.

31. (New) The process according to claim 27 wherein producing a metal borohydride powder from said proton H carrier powder comprises mixing a quantity of said proton H carrier powder with a non-aqueous metal boron oxide or borax and pulverizing the resulting mixture for less than 48 hours under hydrogen gas at a pressure of less than about 50 atmospheres so that a metal borohydride powder is produced.

32. (New) The process according to claim 27 wherein treating of said metal borohydride powder with an alkali solution comprises adding said metal borohydride powder to an alkali solution; and

filtering out precipitates, leaving metal borohydride alkali solution.

33. (New) A process for synthesizing substantially pure metal borides which comprises:

synthesizing a carrier powder for proton H;

bonding hydrogen to said carrier powder;

producing a metal borohydride powder from said carrier powder;

dissolving said borohydride powder with a suitable solvent;

filtering precipitates; and

evaporating said suitable solvent to leave substantially pure metal borohydride.

34. (New) The process according to claim 33 wherein synthesizing a carrier powder for proton H comprises:

forming a mixture of metal that is capable of forming hydrides with hydrogen with less than about 50 wt% of a hydrogen storage alloy;

mechanically pulverizing said mixture;

mechanically mixing the resulting pulverized mixture with less than about 100 wt% of alkali compounds; and

subjecting the resulting mixture to water vapor at less than one atmosphere for less than about 48 hours to produce a proton H carrier powder.

35. (New) The process according to claim 33 wherein synthesizing a carrier powder for proton H comprises:

forming a mixture of metal with less than about 10 wt% carbon black coated with a metal selected from the group consisting of platinum, palladium and mixtures and alloys thereof; and

mechanically pulverizing said mixture.

36. (New) The process according to claim 33 wherein bonding hydrogen to said proton H carrier powder comprises subjecting said proton H carrier powder to hydrogen gas at a pressure of less than about 50 atmospheres at a temperature from ambient to about 400°C for less than about 48 hours so that hydrogen is carried by said carrier powder.

37. (New) The process according to claim 33 wherein producing a metal borohydride powder from said carrier comprises mixing a quantity of said proton

H carrier powder with a non-aqueous metal boron oxide or borax and pulverizing the resulting mixture for less than about 48 hours under hydrogen gas at a pressure of up to about 50 atmospheres so that a metal borohydride powder is produced.

38. (New) The process according to claim 33 including forming a substantially pure metal borohydride by dissolving said metal borohydride powder into a liquid that can dissolve metal borohydrides;

filtering the resulting solution; and

evaporating the resulting liquid to obtain substantially pure metal borohydride.

39. (New) The process of synthesizing metal borohydrides which comprises:

forming a mixture of a metal that is capable of forming hydrides with hydrogen with less than about 50 wt% of a hydrogen storage alloy;

mechanically pulverizing said mixture;

mechanically mixing the resulting pulverized mixture with less than about 100 wt% of alkali compounds;

subjecting the resulting mixture to water vapor at less than one atmosphere for less than about 48 hours to produce a proton H carrier powder;

subjecting said proton H carrier powder to hydrogen gas at a pressure of less than about 50 atmospheres at a temperature from ambient to about 400°C for less than about 48 hours so that hydrogen is carried by said carrier powder;

mixing a quantity of said carrier powder with metal boron oxide or borax and pulverizing the resulting mixture for less than about 48 hours under

hydrogen gas at a pressure of less than 50 atmospheres so that a metal borohydride powder is produced;

adding said metal borohydride powder to an alkali solution; and

filtering out precipitates, leaving a metal borohydride alkali solution.

40. (New) The process of synthesizing substantially pure metal borohydride which comprises:

forming a mixture of a metal that is capable of forming hydrides with hydrogen with less than about 50 wt% of a hydrogen storage alloy;

mechanically pulverizing said mixture;

mechanically mixing the resulting pulverized mixture with less than about 100 wt% of alkali compounds;

subjecting the resulting mixture to water vapor at less than one atmosphere for less than about 48 hours to produce a proton H carrier powder;

subjecting said proton H carrier powder to hydrogen gas at a pressure of less than about 50 atmospheres at a temperature from ambient to about 400°C for less than about 48 hours so that hydrogen is carried by said carrier powder;

mixing a quantity of said carrier powder with boron oxide or borax and pulverizing the resulting mixture for less than about 48 hours under hydrogen gas at a pressure of up to about 50 atmospheres so that a metal borohydride powder is produced;

dissolving said metal borohydride powder into a liquid that can dissolve metal borohydrides;

filtering the resulting solution; and

evaporating said liquid to obtain substantially pure metal borohydride.

REMARKS AND PETITION TO REVIVE

As the Examiner knows, the pending Office Action was mailed to an incorrect address, and as a result, the Office Action was not received by Applicant or Applicant's prior attorney and no response has previously been filed.

Applicant hereby requests and petitions under 37 C.F.R. 1.137(a) for revival of this unavoidably abandoned application. The supporting facts are set out in the accompanying attachment which was prepared by the Applicant's prior attorney, Donn K. Harms. Applicant has included a check for the small entity fee required for this petition. Please charge our deposit account 02-2666 for any shortage in fees required to revive this application.

The Office Action rejected the claims 13-26 only under 35 § 112(2). In particular, the Office Action stated that, with respect to claims 13 and 19, there was no clear antecedent basis for "said carrier," and the Office Action stated that, with respect to claim 19, the words "filter" and "evaporate" should be respectively changed to "filtering" and "evaporating," and the Office Action stated that the term "suitable" rendered the claims vague and indefinite. The Office Action also requested that claims 13-26 should be resubmitted as new claims 27-40 without underlining. Finally, the Office Action noted that the application disclosed allowable subject matter.

In this response, the Applicant has submitted new claims 27-40, without underlining as requested by the Examiner. The Examiner's comments about claims 13 and 19 have been addressed in new claims 27 and 33; claims 27 and 33 do not include the term "said carrier" by itself and "filter" and "evaporate" have

been changed as requested. The word "suitable" is not used in the claims.
Thus, all of the Examiner's comments have been addressed and the claims are
in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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